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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant a three (2) month extension of time, up to and including Tuesday, September 9, 2003, in which to respond to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003 in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$410.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

Further to the final Office Action mailed April 9, 2003 in the above matter, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection of claims 1-23 and 29-53 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are therefore respectfully requested.

## CONCLUSION

All pending claims are in condition for allowance, notification of which is carnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (703) 433-0510 to resolve any outstanding issues in this case.

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